against the total storage capacity of 27.92 million tonnes available with it, Food Corporation of India was holding stocks of 19.36 million tonnes of foodgrains. The sanctioned strength is determind not only on the basis of storage capacity, but also other factors such as stocks actually held, workload etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A major portion of the vacancies is at the entry level category III & IV posts. These have not been filled up on account of ban on direct recruitment.

(d) No, Sir. There are only 22 officers at present on deputation to the Corporation.

(e) The officers are taken by the Corporation on deputation from Government Departments to man specified posts in exigencies of work relating to these posts.

(f) The number of deputationists is negligible as compared to the total strength of employees & officers in the Corporation and the appointment of deputationists in the Corporation is need based.

New Pension Scheme for Labourers

107. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently launched any new pension scheme for the benefits of labour employees in the country;

(b) if so, what are the full details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to implement the aforesaid pension scheme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) The Government has launched a new Pension Scheme for the EPF subscribers w.e.f. 16th Nov. 1995. The scheme inter-alia provides for payment of monthly pension in the contingencies of superannuation, retirement, death etc. Minimum 10 years' contributory service is necessary for becoming entitled to pension. The amount of pension will be worked out on the basis of average pensionable salary of the last 12 months. The Scheme is being administered by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation. The Government has asked the EPF authorities to ensure disbursement of pension to all the eligible employees at the earliest.

Recognition of Recruiting Agency

108. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recruiting agency calling itself the Indian Personnel Export Promotion Council has been formally recognised by the Ministry of Commerce and is treated at par with other Export Promotion Councils;

(b) if not, whether Government will ensure that this agency changes its name; and

(c) whether Government propose to enquire into the nature of activities, this particular agency is currently engaged in?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information has been received that such an organisation has been registered in Maharashtra under the provisions of the Company's Act. Government is examining the provisions of law and the steps that could be taken to require the organisation to amend its name so that it does not give the impression that it is an Export Promotion Council.

Recovery of ESI and Provident Fund Dues From Defaulting Employers

109. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to recover the ESI and